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SUBJECT: DAKAR FRAUD SUMMARY - THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS FY2007

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11. Following is Embassy Dakar's quarterly fraud reporting cable for the third and fourth quarters (April-September) of FY2007. Responses are keyed to Ref A.

1A. COUNTRY CONDITIONS: Since the last report, the energy crisis has resurfaced, with sporadic daily blackouts, which affect the economic performance of the country. Senegalese have resumed their clandestine journeys to Spain via Mauritania and Morocco, despite the implementation of Spain's guest worker program. The economic situation has deteriorated to such a point that the government had to impose price controls on basic staples such as bread.

The political situation is characterized by an absence of a political discourse between the opposition and the president. The opposition has called for a dialogue to discuss reforms in the electoral law as well as in the economic sector. President Wade has reestablished the Senate, appointing 65 out of its 100 members, and his party enjoys an overwhelming majority in both legislative chambers. The lack of checks and balances and the increased concentration of power is a concern for civil society.

1B. NONIMMIGRANT (NIV) FRAUD: There has been an increase in the number of reported lost Senegalese passports with valid B1/B2 visas. Nine were reported stolen during the last two quarters.

Post has started seeing F-1 student visa applicants who went to the United States with tourist visas and subsequently stayed and attended primary and secondary schools at taxpayer expense.

In addition, there have been several cases of NIV applicants who applied with apparently fraudulent Senegalese identities. After they were refused on 214(b) grounds, IDENT revealed that they had been previously refused in Banjul using Gambian documents and a different identity.

1C. IMMIGRANT VISA (IV) FRAUD: The identity of Sierra Leonean applicants continues to be a serious concern, as it appears relatively easy for individuals to obtain delayed birth certificates under new names and dates of birth. Delayed death certificates are also common. In high-priority cases, Post requests that Embassy Freetown undertake field investigations in order to confirm identities and qualifying relationships.

Post has encountered several recent cases of problematic IR-2 petitions filed by stepmothers. Often, the biological father's archived nonimmigrant visa application reveals that he was married to the children's biological mother when he obtained a tourist visa and departed definitively for the States. Once in the United States, he enters into a fraudulent marriage with an American citizen without terminating his previous marriage. The American stepparent,

unaware of the fraud, files a petition in good faith on behalf of her alleged stepchildren. In several of these instances, the children's biological mother is a likely accomplice, later attempting to obtain a tourist visa to rejoin her husband in the United States.

Post has also identified one case in which fake DNA results were submitted to DHS in support of petition approval. Petitioners, and those assisting them, have become aware that Post must accept DNA results attached to their petitions. The fraud would have gone unnoticed had not an IDENT hit revealed that the applicant had a pending immigrant visa application under a different name and date of birth. Upon close scrutiny, Post found that the DNA results attached to the petition was a "copy and paste job." Post is presently investigating the non-profit organization that completed the petition to find out if its name is associated with other petitions.

1D. DV FRAUD: DV processing continues to be complicated by the fact that Post cannot rely on the authenticity of Guinean civil documents.

1E. ACS AND PASSPORT FRAUD: No change.

1F. ADOPTION FRAUD: No change.

1G. ASYLUM AND OTHER DHS BENEFITS FRAUD: No change.

1H. COOPERATION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES: No change.

1I. AREA OF PARTICULAR CONCERN: No change.

1J. STAFFING AND TRAINING: The Fraud Prevention Coordinator, a Consular Associate, attended the Fraud Prevention for Consular

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Managers class in October. The training will be very beneficial to Post. In addition, our Fraud Investigator will be attending the Fraud Prevention FSN training in November. Jim Loveland, the new Consular Section Chief, has arrived at Post and will function as Fraud Prevention Manager.

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